

Meeting was called to order on June 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. by William C. Toole, Advisory Board Chairman. The following individuals were in attendance:

David Chung
Chris Hart
Lloyd Laycook
Ron Lee
Donna Lister
Steve Roberts
Bill Stay
Dennis McFall, UDVMA
Jacquee Peterson, State Officer
Excused: Carole Grady, Terry Dunne

State Officer Report:

Jacquee briefed on four projects currently in process at the SUVH.

1. Discussed Veterans Love Locks to be placed at the SUVH. Most logical placement appears to be in the Memorial Garden area. After discussion the issue was tabled. This item will remain on the agenda for future meetings.
2. Jacquee invited Mike & Patty Dupre to discuss the wind sculptures they wish to purchase with their \$32,000.00 donation. Their preference is that wind sculptures be placed on or near the patio areas of each building. The Board supports this and thanked the Dupre's for their generosity and support.
3. We continue to seek contributions for room sponsorships and related needs. This will be a continuing process. We currently have half of the rooms sponsored.
4. Mayor Chris Hart discussed the Veterans Eagle Monument Fundraiser including brick sales.

Dennis briefed on the status of the building, grants, and related issues. He advised that Avalon has hired a consulting group to inspect the building, essentially a mock VA inspection that will expose potential survey issues and concerns. A report was given to all board members. All items that were reported are still in review and this will be an ongoing process until all issues are resolved. There are also numerous code issues and regulations to sort through and resolve before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

Avalon Report:

Jacquee invited employees from Avalon to discuss admissions and volunteering at the SUVH. Each board member received Avalon point of contact list:

Recreation Director - Vie VanNoy currently is coordinating with all volunteers and distributed a brochure listing requirements for volunteers and volunteer positions at the facility.

Registered Dietitian - Betsy Bates

Social Services Director - Kit Neppl is the Admissions Director. She briefed the board on admission time lines at the SUVH facility. She also distributed an admission packet to all board members. She is now the point of contact for all admissions and is processing/handling the waiting list.

It is intended to have, in effect, Clinical Agreements for nursing and other allied health occupation students for both Dixie State University and Southern Utah University. This will be an operation responsibility under Avalon management.

New Business.

Questions from board members:

Q. Which fund raising efforts do we want to have for the SUVH?

A. We will have the two fund raisers; Room Sponsorships, etc. for the facility and the veterans, and also fundraising for the Eagle Monument.

Q. Possible purchase of a golf cart for transportation of patients and visitors has been raised. Due to elevation changes within and between buildings, transportation issues might arise. We will continue to review these situations.

A. Avalon is the operator of the nursing home and all transportation needs will be their responsibility. The Board may continue to monitor this and discuss in future meetings.

Q. What is our vision for a Veterans Memorial Garden?

A. On the northwest corner, across the street, is 1.2 acres of state property with water/power. Mayor Hart suggests that we construct a Veterans Memorial Garden at this site. This is where the Veteran Eagle Monument will be placed. A subcommittee was elected to provide input on the design/layout of this garden; Mayor Chris Hart, Steve Roberts, Ron Lee. They will report on the status of this in future meetings.

Q. What is done with Charitable Donations?

A. All charitable donations will be given to Jacquee to be tracked on a ledger by name and amount. Jacquee will send a thank you letter to all individuals who donate to the facility. All charitable donations will be sent into the Utah Department of Veterans Affairs to be deposited into the bank account and will be used solely for the benefit of the facility and the veterans residing herein.

Q. What kind of transportation capability will Avalon have, on site, to move patients from one place to another?

A. Two five passenger vans at first and when we are fully operational additional needs will be assessed.

Q. Is Avalon hiring at the SUVH? Is there a human resource individual hired?

A. Yes, their acting Human Resource person is Valerie Nardoni, Business Office Manager and she can be reached at 801-694-6075. She will answer all questions dealing with employment.

Q. Does the advisory board report to Jacquee?

No, Dennis stated that the Advisory Board does not report to Jacquee. Just the opposite, she is a resource here for the Board and will be available to you. The Board is Advisory to the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs. When you have suggestions, comments or concerns that she cannot resolve she would then ask for guidance from the Deputy Director who oversees all Veterans homes operations. Avalon will be on the agenda each meeting to brief the Board on financial and operational issues from their perspective, and to apprise the Board of any public affairs involvement, etc. for the veterans' home.

Q. Rocky Mountain Power, Blue Sky Renewable Energy Program? Is there interest in completing application to receive this grant?

A. Dennis invited Mayor Hart to attend the construction meeting the next day (June 13, 2103) to discuss this grant process. According to the website application process for 2013 is now closed but we can consider applying for this in the future.

Q. Does the state provide travel reimbursement for advisory board members?

A. Yes, the state does provide travel reimbursement and per diem when requested. Jacquee emailed the travel reimbursement form to all board members.

Future Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month.

July 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

August 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

September 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.